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" Sir, in the definition of ' liquor ', ' arrack ' is not found and because of that so many cases were acquitted. May I know what is the total number of cases acquitted under that? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI A. APPU :—" May I know, Sir, whether any appeals were filed in the High Court against these acquittals? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" No appeal was filed, Sir."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I may add the question of filing appeals in a matter of Prohibition is not all-important. There are other considerations. Government do not always file appeals even when they are dissatisfied with the judgment."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" It is stated, Sir, that cases ended in acquittal on the ground that the word ' arrack ' is not found in the Act. May I know whether Government have received any proposal from the District Prohibition Officer through the Collector of South Arcot district, that the Act be amended suitably to bring all such cases under the scope of the Act? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Hon. Minister for Prohibition stated that 4,698 of Prohibition offences were filed in South Arcot district in 1952–53. May I know what is the corresponding figure for the previous year and how does it compare with this year's figure—is there a tendency towards increase or decrease in these offences? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Grant to " the Hindusthan Boys' Scouts Association."

* 72 *Q.*—SRI P. RAMAMURTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any grant is made to the Hindusthan Boys' Scouts Association; and if so, how much;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government exercise any check over the expenditure of the Association;

(*c*) if so, the nature of such check;

(*d*) whether they receive the audited statements of annual accounts of the Association; and

(*e*) if so, whether they will place copies thereof on the table of the House?

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The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) There is no separate organization called the Hindustan Boys' Scouts Association at present. The only Scout Organization in this State is the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, which has been formed in 1951 by the merger of the Hindustan Scout Association, the Boys Scouts Association and the Girl Guides Association. An annual grant of Rs. 25,600 used to be paid to the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, by the Composite State."

" (b) & (c) No specific condition was attached to the grant except that it should be spent on the furtherance of scout movement in the State.

" (d) Audited statements of annual accounts of the Association are not received by the Government.

" (e) Does not arise."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" சர்க்கார் மானியம் அளிக்கக்கூடிய காலத்தில் அந்த ஸ்தாபனம் பணத்தை எப்படி செலவழிக்கிறது என்பதைப் பார்ப்பதற்கு அவர்களுடைய கணக்குகளை வாங்கிப்பார்க்க முயற்சி செய்வார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. Responsible persons connected with the administration also hold office there. Therefore, we though it was not necessary to get a copy of the audited statement of accounts."

Lock-out in the T.P.K. Beedi Factory, Badagara.

* 73 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the result of the conciliation proceedings conducted by the District Labour Officer, Kozhikode, in connexion with the lock-out in the T.P.K. Beedi Factory, Badagara, North Malabar, on 18th July 1953?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The industrial dispute that arose between the workers and the management of T.P.K. Beedi Factory, Badagara, following the closure of the factory on 18th July 1953 was settled by the mediation of the Labour Officer on 1st August 1953."

Retrenchment of staff in the Secretariat Departments.

* 74 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether there has been any retrenchment in the staff of the Secretariat by reason of the separation of Andhra, and if so, the number retrenched, their cadre and period of service; and

(b) whether any of them have been absorbed in any other department subsequently?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) & (b) After the separation of Andhra on 1st October 1953, the Madras Secretariat was re-organized with effect from 1st November 1953. No member of Secretariat staff appointed regularly